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Charlotte Gets First Whack at Ballard.

Difference in the Laws of North and South Carolina in Relation to Larceny.

Sheriff Hunter, who went to Charlotte this week after John Ballard, wanted here on a charge of larceny, as noted in Wednesday's News, did not bring his man back with him, for the reason that the North Carolina authorities wanted him to guarantee the safe return of Ballard to Charlotte after the courts here had gotten through with him, which of course the sheriff declined to do. The negro will be tried at the court now in session in Charlotte, upon the charge of stealing an overcoat, valued at \$28; and if convicted he will likely languish for several years in the North Carolina penitentiary, for larceny is regarded as no small matter in the Tar Heel State, greatly to the credit of our friends on the north. They do not draw any fine distinction between grand and petit larceny, as is done in South Carolina. Stealing is stealing in the eyes of a North Carolinian, whether it be an old wool hat or a cotton mill. The taking of any old thing in North Carolina belonging to another is considered a grave offense. The value of the thing taken seems to cut no ice. Many of our older readers will recall the fact that about twenty-five years ago a colored driver for a Lancaster merchant stole in Charlotte a pair of shears with which to shear his boss' mules, for which offense he served three years in the North Carolina penitentiary. Had the crime been committed this side of the state line the punishment would not have exceeded thirty days in jail.

Bethel Items.

Reported for The News.

The First Quarterly conference of the Tabernacle circuit was held at Bethel church Saturday and Sunday. Our new presiding elder, Rev. R. E. Stackhouse, preached a very fine sermon Saturday at 11 o'clock, and afterwards dinner was served. He also preached a fine sermon Sunday.

Miss Roxie Carnes, teacher of Wild Cat school, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Messrs William Niven and Eugene Kriminger, of Monroe, N. C., spent Sunday with Misses Virginia and Eunice Sapp.

Mrs. E. K. Plyler has been very ill for several days, but we are glad to say she is very much improved.

Mrs. D. F. Sapp left Tuesday for her old home at Mount Airy, N. C. After spending some time there, she will visit relatives at Statesville, Salisbury and Concord, N. C.

Evan Williams Assassinated!

A Brave Old Confederate Veteran Who Moved from Lancaster to Texas Waylaid and Murdered near Harlingen, Texas, by a Mexican--Particulars of the Shocking Crime.

The many friends and old war comrades in Lancaster county of Mr. E. M. L. Williams, who moved from here to Texas about twenty years ago, will be pained and shocked to hear of his tragic death, which occurred a few days ago in the state of his adoption, he being the victim of a cowardly assassin's bullet.

Mr. Williams was a son of the late Stephen Williams, and a brother of the late Eli Williams and the late James Williams, and was about 63 years old. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, serving in that famous regiment of fighters, the 12th South Carolina. He was twice wounded in battle, and was once captured by the enemy and confined for a while in a northern prison. After the war Mr. Williams was married to Miss Bettie Riddle, sister of Maj. Riddle, of Lancaster, and Mr. T. S. Riddle, of Dixie, who died before Mr. Williams's removal to Texas. Three children by the marriage are left surviving, Mrs. Henry Oulp and Mrs. Alice Ballard, of this county, and Mr. Charles Williams, of Texas. Mr. Williams also leaves a sister in this county, Mrs. F. M. Stogner.

We have received the following clipping from a Texas paper giving the particulars of Mr. Williams's foul murder:

A telegram was received here last night by Chas. Williams announcing that his father, E. M. L. Williams, had been killed near there yesterday and requested that he come there as soon as possible.

This morning a telegram was sent to Harlingen asking for further particulars when it was learned that Mr. Williams yesterday morning early went out in search of his cows, and not returning home, some suspicion was aroused and a party went out in search of him about 11 o'clock. About noon the lifeless body of Williams was found in the chaparral by the side of the road with a bullet hole in it. He had evidently been dead some hours.

About this time it was learned that Luis Medina, a sheep herder, on the Dix ranch, had suddenly disappeared that morning, taking with him a good horse, saddle and winchester and had gone in the direction where Williams's body was later found.

A diligent search for the Mexican was at once instituted, but at last accounts at noon he was still at large with a com-

pany of rangers on his trail and capture seems certain.

The rangers have in the meantime arrested on suspicion a white man who is well known in this section.

Mr. Williams was a former resident of Corpus Christi, where he was well and favorably known, being engaged in the truck business here for some time, as well as in other business. For the past several years he has made his home in the lower country and made many friends wherever known.

His son, Chas. Williams, who is ticket agent of the Texas-Mexican and St. L., B. & M. roads here, left this morning for Harlingen. His tragic death is deeply deplored by all and it is hoped the foul assassin will be speedily captured and given his dues.

Kershaw Happenings.

A Cotton Mill in Sight---A Recent Marriage.

Reported for The News.

Editor News: It affords us much pleasure to say that I now believe the feasibility of the construction of a cotton mill at this place within the near future is almost an assured fact. Our citizens seem to be in dead earnest. There is only a very small sum yet to be subscribed to insure the undertaking. It is to be capitalized at \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Mr. Tom McCary, one of Richburg's most successful business men, came down Wednesday last and carried away one of our most estimable young ladies, Miss Emma Jones, daughter of the late Col. Burwell Jones. The ceremony was solemnized in the presence of a small circle of relatives and friends at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hamit Jones. The happy couple boarded the 130 train for Richburg. The hosts of friends here extend congratulations and wish them all the happiness and prosperity possible. Omega.

Congress to Increase Appropriations for Experiment Stations.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The "morning hour" prevailed in the house today until after 5 o'clock. The net result was the passage of a bill to increase to \$30,000 a year the federal appropriation to each State and territory for the support of agricultural experiment stations and of a bill repealing the present law granting American register to foreign ships wrecked and repaired on the American coast in the discretion of the secretary of department of commerce and labor and requiring a special act of congress to grant such register.

The Legislature.

The House Kills Biennial Sessions Resolution--No Dispensary Legislation Probable.

Columbia special to News and Courier:

The House today fell down on the biennial session resolutions, which it ordered a special commission of its members to prepare. A year ago the members came here with a vote of the people of the State in favor of biennial sessions. The people of the state had expressed themselves in favor of biennial sessions. Constitutional lawyers said that the proposed resolutions were not sufficient and that other resolutions amending the constitution relative to taxation and other matters were necessary. Then a commission was appointed to prepare everything that was needed. Even then the House was not asked to pass the biennial session amendment to the constitution as the people had asked for, but the resolutions proposed a vote on the subject next November. There was no idea that the resolutions submitting the issue to the voters next winter would be killed, but they were killed to day for the lack of five votes. Seventy eight members voted for the resolution, but under the constitution eighty-three votes are needed—a two-thirds vote—and the resolutions failed and nothing whatever has been or can now be done. The Senate adopted the resolutions without discussion and by a practically unanimous vote.

The House and the Senate are getting wider and wider apart on the dispensary legislation. Today the House passed the Rucker bill, which simply abolishes the State dispensary and then provides for county dispensaries in counties where the dispensary is now in operation. Under the Rucker bill, which was adopted in the House, there is no option except between county dispensaries and prohibition. The dispensary advocates fought the bill as hard as they could, but the House is "agin" the State dispensary and says so on every opportunity, and has now given the Senate another bill in lieu of the Morgan bill, which it has killed.

The House seems determined to give the Senate ample to do and members are freely saying that the Raysor-Manning Tillman bill is really worse than the present statute and that no good, except delay, can come of it.

The House agreed to increase the salaries of solicitors and after April 1 all solicitors' salaries are to be fixed at \$1,700.

Mrs. Leroy Springs is expected home from New York today.

The Lancaster News, 8 pages twice a week, \$1.50.

Proceedings of the Legislature

As Reported for The News by Representative Hamel --Many Measures of More or Less Interest.

A bill to provide for the participation of South Carolina in the Jamestown Centennial exposition, to be held near Hampton Roads, Va., next year, has been introduced in the senate by Senator Brown, of Darlington.

A bill has passed the house and senate reducing the time of making analysis of fertilizers to thirty days.

Mr. Irby has introduced a concurrent resolution calling upon the joint committees on printing in the house and senate to investigate and see if there has not been conspiracy to defraud the state in the matter of public printing.

The ten hour labor law was killed in the house Thursday. The vote in favor of the measure has grown some since last year.

Mr. Talbert has introduced in the senate a very important measure requiring the supervisors of registration to revise their books. This should be done, as a great deal of confusion has been caused the past year on account of the condition of the registration books in several counties.

Senator Blease has introduced in the senate a bill providing that no money, fee or salary shall be paid by the state to any person acting in place of any state officer, judge or solicitor.

A constitutional amendment providing for an additional justice of the supreme court was defeated.

Mr. Foster's bill requiring the Southern road to build a new depot at Lancaster, which passed the house last week, has been reported favorably in the senate with an amendment providing that it shall be completed by January 1, 1907.

A bill has passed the house giving the city council of Charleston control of the city water front and empowering them to enact ordinances for government of same.

The reformatory bill introduced in the house has already been much amended in the senate. It may not pass.

All of Mr. Talbert's measures looking to the amending or changing of the dispensary law, were killed in the senate Wednesday.

The pay of court stenographers has been raised to \$1,500. The effort was made to give them \$1,600.

A great many bills authorizing the issue of bonds for the building of new school houses have been passed by this legisla-

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